

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration of this application.

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application. Applicants have added claims 3-44 as new claims. In the Office Action of May 20, 2005, claims 1 and 2 were rejected. Applicants hereby amend claims 1 and 2 and traverse the rejections as follows.

Response to Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Jones, et al. in view of Tagawa. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants incorporate by this reference their remarks made in their Response and Amendment, dated January 18, 2005.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner recognizes that Jones does not disclose a method and system wherein the travel request input includes travel request data gathered from a user's calendar and that Jones does not disclose a method and system that automatically creates and stores events in the appointment calendar using data from the user's confirmed travel itinerary. The Examiner concludes, however, that Tagawa teaches these features. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Jones, et al. and Tagawa, taken either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest a system having these recited features of claims 1 and 2. Tagawa is directed to a self-service system for selling travel-related services that utilizes kiosks that display a calendar interface for the user to input dates for various travel-related services. The Examiner notes that Tagawa recognizes that inviting the user to enter dates for travel-related services by means of a calendar is a particularly effective tool to assist the user in selecting the desired travel related service or produce. Tagawa, however, simply presents a public kiosk calendar interface by which the user can enter dates manually for desired travel-related services. In Tagawa, this calendar interface is not the user's calendar application. The Tagawa reservation system does not teach or suggest using a personal calendar application that can store and display all of a user's personal calendar events, including those not related to the travel services being purchased. Instead, Tagawa discloses only a system that displays reservation dates for the travel services being purchased.

Moreover, nothing in Tagawa teaches or suggests a system that automatically creates and stores appointment events in the user's personal calendar application, as does Applicants' invention. Indeed, nothing in Tagawa teaches or suggests any system communication at all with the user's personal calendar application, as does Applicants' invention. To clarify these distinctions, the Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 to recite that the subject calendar application is the user's "personal calendar application."

Applicants respectfully suggest, therefore, that claims 1 and 2 are patentable over Jones et al. and Tagawa.

Applicants also have added claims 3-30 to more broadly claim certain aspects of the features recited in claims 1 and 2 and have added claims 31-44 to claim additional aspects of the invention.

Conclusion

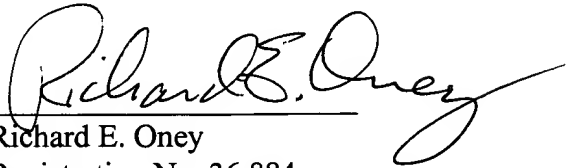
All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal

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communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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